

REMARKS

Introduction

A three-month extension of time to respond to the February 1, 2006 Office Action is hereby respectfully requested to make the time for Reply July 5, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$1020.00 in payment of the three-month extension-of-time fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

Claims 1-3, 5-24, 38, and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 40-44 have been added. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-24, 38, and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 38, and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nolan et al. U.S. Patent 6,020,792 (hereinafter "Nolan") in view of Guedj U.S. Patent 6,118,315 (hereinafter "Guedj").

Reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

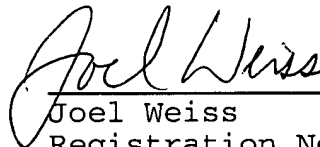
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on June 12, 2006. In that interview, the Examiner indicated that he may allow the claims, as amended herein, if applicant modified FIG. 7 to show that the circuit in FIG. 7 incorporates element 210. Applicant replied that such an amendment is acceptable as it does not add new matter as the specification specifically refers to such a circuit (see, e.g., page 8, 4-9). While applicant does not believe that such an amendment is necessary in view of the specification, nevertheless, applicant amends herein FIG. 7 as per the Examiner's request in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

Applicant's Reply
to the Rejections

Because each of claims 1-3, 5-24, 38, and 39 have been canceled, the rejections of these claims are moot. Applicant has filed new claims 40-44. Applicant believes these claims are in condition for allowance.

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 40-44 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

On the attached Replacement Sheet 7 of the drawings, which includes FIG. 7, element 210 has been added. No new matter has been added by the addition to the drawing.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet 7 of 8

Annotated Sheet 7 of 8 showing changes

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FIG. 7

